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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I wish to express my appreciation for the information set forth in your letter of October 21, 1953, in connection with an analysis of essential wartime functions of your Agency, for utilization by ODM in the preparation of a permanent dispersal plan for the Executive Branch.

In the course of developing the plan into its final stages, the inquiry will be renewed with your Agency to the extent required, and I am grateful for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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The Honorable Arthur S. Flemming
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Office of Defense Mobilization
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Dear Mr. Flemming:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 16 October 1953 in which you request certain data from this Agency to be included in a plan for the permanent dispersal of the essential wartime functions of the Executive Branch.

We believe that all of the functions now performed by this Agency will also be essential in time of war. In wartime, as in peacetime, it will be essential for the Central Intelligence Agency to be located in the immediate proximity of the Seat of Government, particularly, the President, the Department of Defense, and the Department of State. In the absence of knowledge of dispersal plans for these important components of the Government we feel unable to give you definitive answers to your specific questions.

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We are aware of the importance of this plan and are anxious to cooperate with you in every way. However, it is my belief that this can be done most effectively by consultation with you as the overall planning for other agencies progresses. If this is agreeable, I should like to designate _____ to work with your representative in developing the necessary information.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles

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L. K. WHITE, A-DD/A
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

In connection with a permanent dispersal plan for essential wartime functions of the Executive Branch, which is to be submitted to the National Security Council by the close of this month, the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, has requested that we furnish information as to what portions of the Agency could be permanently decentralized into more distant locations from Washington, D. C., those which could be located on the perimeter, and those which must remain in the District. He also requests numbers of personnel involved.

The attached reply suggests that it is necessary for us to know what other agencies are doing before we can have a definitive plan, and designates

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[redacted] to work with the Office of Defense Mobilization as their over-all plan progresses. [redacted] is a member of the Security Office and sits regularly with the Emergency Planning Committee headed by ODM.

Request signature.

[redacted]
L. K. WHITE
Acting Deputy Director
(Administration)

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Sir. Arthur S. Fleming, Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In your letter of 28 September 1953 you requested
that I designate a member of this Agency to sit on
the reactivated Telecommunications Planning Committee.

I would like to nominate Major [redacted]
[redacted] as our representative with [redacted]
[redacted] as alternate.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JULY 28 1953

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

When the duties and responsibilities of the Telecommunications Advisor to the President were transferred to the Office of Defense Mobilization by Executive Order No. 10460, dated June 16, 1953, the Telecommunications Planning Committee, which the President's Advisor had established, was left without legal status.

In view of the recognized importance of the work of this Committee in providing high level policy advice and assistance to this office in the discharge of its responsibilities in connection with telecommunication matters, it is considered desirable to reactivate the Committee in order that its previous functions can be continued. A copy of Defense Mobilization Order-IX-1 effecting the reestablishment of the Committee is enclosed.

The representative of your agency who served on this Committee prior to the promulgation of Executive Order No. 10460 was the Assistant Director for Communications. In order to provide continuity of effort, it is hoped that you can see your way clear to designate the same member to serve on the reestablished Telecommunications Planning Committee.

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office of your designee for membership on this Committee at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEFENSE MOBILIZATION ORDER--IX-1

SUBJECT: REESTABLISHMENT OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING COMMITTEE

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Executive Order 10461 of June 17, 1953, and in accordance with Executive Order 10460 dated June 16, 1953, and in order to provide immediate attention for telecommunications matters necessary to national defense, it is hereby ordered:

1. The Telecommunications Planning Committee, previously established May 15, 1952, by the then Telecommunications Advisor to the President, is hereby reestablished and shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be the Assistant Director for Telecommunications, Office of Defense Mobilization, a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, who shall serve as Vice Chairman, and a representative designated by the head of each of the following departments and agencies:

Department of State
Department of the Treasury
Department of Defense
Department of Commerce
Central Intelligence Agency
U. S. Information Agency
Bureau of the Budget (Observer)

and such other agencies as the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization shall hereafter designate.

2. The Telecommunications Planning Committee shall assist and advise the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization with respect to the following telecommunication functions:

- a. Developing telecommunication policies and standards applicable to the Executive Branch of the Government.
- b. Assuring high standards of telecommunication management within the Executive Branch of the Government.
- c. Developing telecommunication plans and programs designed to assure maximum security to the United States in time of national emergency with a minimum interference to continuing non-governmental requirements.
- d. Such other telecommunication matters upon which the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization may require advice and assistance.

3. This order shall take effect on September 23, 1953.

OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

ARTHUR S. LEWING

Director

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